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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An improved bale wagon ~~having comprising~~ a load bed, a crossbar movable along the load bed, and tines attached to the movable crossbar, the improvement comprising:

attaching the tines to the movable crossbar such that the tines are pivotally adjustable to form a tine tilt angle measured between an essentially vertical surface of the tines and the load bed.

2. (currently amended) The bale wagon of claim 1 wherein the tines ~~are may~~ be adjusted to rest at any of several positions, said positions reduce the tine tilt angle by increments of about 1.5° to about 2° .

3. (previously presented) The bale wagon of claim 1 wherein angular adjustment of the tines allows for variation of the angles at which stacks of bales are unloaded.

4. (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) The bale wagon of claim 1 wherein the attachment of a tine to the crossbar is accomplished using a bracket, the bracket is configured to allow multiple possible positions of tilt for each tine, allowing adjustment of the tine tilt angles from between about 90° and about 84° .

6. (previously presented) The bale wagon of claim 1 wherein the tilt angle is selected from the group consisting of 89.5° , 87.5° , 86° , and 84.5° .

7. (original) The bale wagon of claim 5 further comprising a bolt, and holes in each bracket to allow controlling the tilt angle by moving the bolt from one hole to another.

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8. (currently amended) A method for unloading tiers of stacked bales from a loaded bale wagon to form a larger stack of bales, said bale wagon having at least two tines, said method comprising, unloading a first load of bales to lean at an angle corresponding to a first tilt angle, and then, against said first load of bales, unloading a second load of bales from the same wagon at a different tilt angle selected by pivotally adjusting the tines on said bale wagon.

9. (cancelled)